

Information Management Update: September 2014

Sir Alex Allan at IMLG

Records management and sensitivity review has been very much in the spotlight this year. The culmination of this process had been the comprehensive review carried out by Sir Alex Allan into records management in government.



As such we are delighted to have Sir Alex Allan join us for the Information Management Liaison Group (IMLG) on 25 September as our keynote speaker.

The September IMLG will take 'Ten Years of FOI' as its theme. With a panel of speakers ranging from academics to seasoned practitioners, we hope to pick apart the journey of FOI to date and look towards how the approaching digital landscape of records review will change FOI in the future. To join us at the IMLG please contact our [events team](#).

The role of the Departmental Records Officer

As part of our continuing effort to improve our [information management pages](#), we have added new guidance to clarify and promote the [role of the DRO](#) and their responsibilities. This role is integral to the relationship between The National Archives and our colleagues in government. This page will also provide an easy reference point for past DRO updates and newsletters.

The legend is revealed...

The latest of our [blog series on Special Operations Executive \(SOE\) files](#) looks at the fascinating case of a Special Agent codenamed 'Fifi'.

Jonathan Cole, FOI Researcher at The National Archives explains "Fifi" was somewhat of a legend of the SOE. Until now, her existence and the deployment of her services had been dismissed but with the release of this file, her identity, impressive skills and the important role she played in Second World War secret operations is now finally revealed."



Jonathan spoke to the Today Programme on BBC Radio 4 on Wednesday 17 September, the date of the file release. You can catch up with the discussion on [BBC iPlayer](#).

From our blog

[Happy anniversary, departmental record officer](#)

[Tales from the Special Operations Executive: Operation Remorse, part three](#)

['Our Special Agent': 'Fifi' and the Special Operations Executive](#)

First steps in information management: new tools from CILIP

We wanted to highlight an interesting article from our colleagues at the Chartered Institute

Get ready for a new Discovery

We have launched an innovative upgraded version of [Discovery](#), our catalogue. As well as the millions of records held by The National Archives, [Discovery](#) now searches over 10 million additional records held by more than 2,500 archives across the country.

Archive users can now search, browse and tag 32 million record descriptions, making it a unique archival resource for researchers around the world. The value to researchers of combining catalogue and organisational data from across the UK archives sector in one place is enormous, and highlights The National Archives' commitment to its role as sector lead.

of Library and Information Professionals (CILIP) on [information management tools](#).

Dates for the diary

Information Management Liaison Group (IMLG):

Thursday 25 September

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